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The following information on the 3rd Road Construction Div was
obtained between July 1947 and November 1949:

1. Location of the Headquarters:

Sukhumi (43°00' N/41°02' E), Georgian SSR.

2. Superior Headquarters:

Independent Road Construction Corps in Tiflis (41°42' N/44°47' E).
The corps was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior.

3. Officers:

CG: Maj Gen Richurin, about 2 meters tall, very slim, wearing
red-bordered gold epaulets with two stars

General staff officer: Lt Col Yavanov, about 45 years old, tall
and slim

CO of a Battalion: Maj Pakkin, about 45 years old, short and
stout.

Most of the officers were army officers; some belonged to the
IV. The former wore blue caps with a red ribbon and gold epau-
lets with the crossed-axe-and-shovel insignia. Technical offi-
cers wore silver epaulets.

4. Organization:

three regiments and one heavy regiment of two battalions each.
Two of the former regiments consisted of Soviet troops. One regi-
ment consisted exclusively of PWs (German, Italian, Rumanian, Hun-
garian).

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The heavy regiment was composed of:

one motor transport battalion with about 150 three-ton trucks
 one "machine" battalion with road-construction machinery.

Soldiers said they were transferred to the division from other
 units because of bad conduct.

5. Employment:

Road and bridge construction along the Gagry- (43°12' N/40°13'E)-
 Zenski (42°15' N/42°05' E) road and construction of a new
 branch road leading to Ritsa (43°27' N/40°30' E) (after
 July 1947).

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Comment:

This report supplements a previous report on a road-construction
 unit in the Sukhumi area, which also mentioned a General Michurin
 as CG of an engineer division. The other officers mentioned
 are unknown.

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